

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Based on PCT/DE 00/02535

For: Apparatus And Method For Furnishing An Operating Pressure In A Fluid

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, between the title and paragraph [0001], please insert the following:

[0000.2] CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0000.4] This application is a 35 U.S.C. 371 application of PCT/DE 00/02535 filed on August 1, 2000.

[0000.6] BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

[0001] Field of the Invention

please replace paragraph [0002] with the following amended paragraph:

[0002] The invention relates to an improved apparatus for furnishing a working pressure in a fluid, having a first region in which a first pressure prevails that is higher than the working pressure, a second region in which the working pressure is to be furnished, and means for reducing the first pressure in the first region to the working pressure in the